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She Had Advised That the Mother Be Removed Before the Child Was Born.

HASTE IN THE CHRISTENING.

Superintendent Murphy Reproves the Physician by Letter, and He Finds It Convenient to Take a Vacation.

The action of Dr. James A. Gardner, of the Bellevue Hospital medical staff, in naming the only child ever born in the prison ward of that institution after the matron of the institution, without her knowledge, raised a hornet's nest about his ears. So scathing was the doctor's conduct that he was best to leave the city for a few days, but before he went he had received from

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Dr. Lewis H. Brown, of Bellevue Hospital, Denounces Dr. Gardner's Action in Naming a Baby Born in the Prison Ward.

With regard to the cut in the Journal of to-day, headed "First Baby Born in Bellevue Prison Ward," I must request you to publish the following facts of the case:

On Thursday, February 18, Dr. Gardner came into the library, and, in my presence, requested the Protestant Episcopal chaplain here to go immediately and baptize a child for him in the female prison ward. Both the Rev. Mr. Young and myself understood that the child was in arduous mortal—in fact, the doctor was so hurried that he waited for the chaplain.

The chaplain went to the prison ward and asked the mother what name the child was to be called. Dr. Gardner then stated that the mother had requested him to name the child, and that he wished it called Agnes Brennan Mohr, in honor of Miss Brennan, the esteemed (and rightly) head of the Female Nurses' Training School. The chaplain, never suspecting for a moment but that Dr. Gardner was a gentleman, and naturally thinking that all parties were satisfied, and that it was really meant as an honor to Miss Brennan, proceeded to baptize the child.

The Rev. Henry St. George Young distinctly states that if he had had any suspicion as to the real facts of the case he would immediately and sternly have refused to lend himself to any such insulting and disgraceful proceeding. Dr. Gardner presumed on his official capacity as house physician to hoodwink the chaplain into becoming a cat's paw to aid him in insulting Miss Brennan. The Rev. Mr. Young is perfectly innocent in this matter, and rightly honors and esteems Miss Brennan for her splendid work here.

Fortunately, the members of the medical profession on the house staff at Bellevue are gentlemen, and are an honor to the profession, but Dr. Gardner has behaved in a most ungentlemanly and disgraceful way in this matter. In fact, only a few would condescend to do any such thing.

We call upon the Commissioners and the Medical Board to protect the ministers of the Church of Christ, laboring amid the suffering poor of this mighty city, from this and any such scandalous and disgraceful behavior on the part of officials appointed by them and under their discipline.

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CHARTER'S CRITICS HEARD

Hearing Results in an Amendment That Kills the Brooklyn Papers' Expected Grab.

Albany, March 3.—The opponents of the Greater New York charter were given an opportunity to be heard before the joint cities committee of both branches of the Legislature in the Senate-chamber to-night. Only a few speakers appeared. William E. Rogers, of the Union League Club, of New York city, was the first to be heard. He confined himself particularly to the matters of assessment and valuation. He declared that the charter puts an increased burden upon the city of New York of \$12,000,000.

Mr. Rogers suggested as a relief from this alleged unjust burden upon New York City that each borough should raise and bear its own burden of disbursement. In closing, he suggested that there was a general sentiment against the proposed measure in New York.

Secretary Finney, of the Charter Commission, replied, saying that nothing new had developed to-night. One defect in the bill was, however, acknowledged by him. He said that it had been the intention

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townsend, Whose Marriage Was a Surprise.

THE many friends of Miss Edythe Earle and Robert Townsend were surprised to read the announcement of their marriage in some of yesterday's newspapers. The engagement of the couple was proclaimed with considerable flourish of trumpets early last summer. Mr. Townsend, owing to the fact of his being one of the Assistant District Attorneys, has a large acquaintance. Miss Earle is also widely known. She has been much admired at Narragansett Pier for several seasons, where she owns a cottage. It will be recalled that a great many invitations were out some time ago for the wedding of Miss Earle and Mr. Townsend. November 17 was the date fixed, and the ceremony was to have taken place in St. Thomas's Church. Mr. Townsend had selected a number of prominent bachelors to attend him as ushers, including Perry Belmont. Within two or three days of the time fixed notices were sent to the various newspapers by the bride's mother, Mrs. Clara Noble Earle, to the effect that the wedding was indefinitely postponed. Also that this method was taken of making the matter public, as the time was too short to recall all invitations issued. The alleged reason was the sudden severe illness of the bride-elect. When Mrs. Earle promulgated her postponement notices she mentioned that the wedding, when celebrated, would be precisely on the same scale as the one deferred.

The actual marriage of Miss Edythe Earle and Mr. Townsend was celebrated in the quietest possible fashion on Tuesday night. The parsonage of Rev. William Montague Bell, vicar of St. Paul's Chapel, Vesey street, and Broadway, was the scene of the nuptials. This house is at No. 113 West Eleventh street. The members of both families, including the brothers of Mr. Townsend, and mother of the bride, were present. The bride, who was in a street costume, was given away by her brother, Curtis Noble Earle. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have dispensed with the customary bridal trip and are staying at the Manhattan Hotel.

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At Least, the Puller Thought the Criticism Was Bad.

IT ABUSED HIS BROTHER

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whose whereabouts is, strangely enough, not known to his friends. At least Court Street Detective McNeely, of the Yorkville Police Court, armed with a warrant from Magistrate Flannery, could not last night learn from anybody where Philipp could be found.

Adolf Philipp, a brother of Paul, is, according to the Germans of the East Side, a very bright and talented young man. His name appears eight times upon the programme of the German comedy which was being played last night in the German theatre on Eighth street, of which he is part manager. He and Leo von Raven manage the playhouse together. Adolf writes fully half the plays produced there, and takes the principal part in most of them. The one now running is called "Klein Deutschland," and the centre of the stage is monopolized by the author.

According to Adolf's version of the trouble, the primary cause of Neumann's being thrashed was an exchange of scurrilous, which took place between Neumann and brother Paul. Neumann is said to have obtained the best of the trade, a circumstance that has ruffled in the breast of the other man. The unfavorable criticism of Adolf Philipp's productions which Neumann persisted in writing and publishing in the German paper of which he is the dramatic critic, did not tend to soften the wrath of the playwright's big brother.

On February 26 Neumann published in a daily sporting and theatrical paper an article about what he chose to call "Goldman's Sunday Theatre," which was not complimentary of the playhouse on Eighth street. Then the anger of big brother Paul passed all bounds, and he determined to punish the critic. He selected the Fidelity Club as the proper place in which to administer the punishment. It is asserted that, either by letter or telephone (there is some dispute which), he decoyed the critic to the clubhouse, using the nice-sounding, but entirely fictitious name of "Ernst Wilde." In issuing the invitation to the unsuspecting Mr. Neumann.

As soon as the critic reached the clubhouse his nose was pulled and his face slapped; after which he was generally knocked about to the amusement of the friends of Philipp, and finally set out on the sidewalk.

Mr. Neumann declares that he will make it warm for his assailant through the assistance of the law. Adolf Philipp says he will produce his brother in court to-day and will back him up with his last dollar.

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Good Sign, His Doctors Say, and Hope for His Recovery.

WATCHED EVERY MOMENT.

Many of His Friends Call at the House, but None of Them Is Admitted.

There was no change yesterday in the condition of James P. Kernochan, the well-known banker, who was run over at Fifth avenue and Forty-third street on Monday last. He was still unconscious at a late hour last night, but this, his physician declared, was a good sign. They also said they felt sure he would recover. Dr. Paul Allen was to remain at his bedside through the night, even though there was no fear that any untoward contingency might arise.

Many of the friends of the family stopped at the house, No. 824 Fifth avenue, during the day to inquire about Mr. Kernochan's condition, but no one was admitted, as the patient had to be kept quiet.

Mr. Kernochan had passed a most restless night, and one of the first callers yesterday morning was Dr. Holmuth, the consulting physician. He did not remain long, but made several other calls during the day. He and the other doctors decided that after the operation of the night before there was nothing they could do for their patient until he regained his senses.

When Dr. Holmuth left the house last night he said he had no doubt that Mr. Kernochan would ultimately recover. The police, assisted by J. L. Kernochan, the injured man's son, are making most strenuous efforts to discover the identity of the man and the woman who were in the open road wagon which ran down Mr. Kernochan. So far they have met with no success.

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